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Treatise

on

Cholera Infantum

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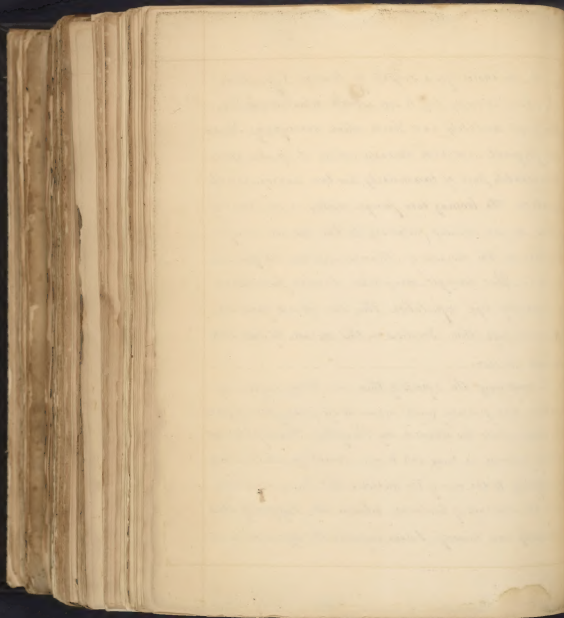
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In my choice for a subject of Medical Dissertation, I have been naturally led to one, which, when we consider the great mortality and havoc which accompany it, and the frightful and wide incursions which it makes upon the infantile part of community, has been unaccountably neglected. In looking over foreign writers on the bowel affections, we find nothing pertaining to this disease, except a glimpse on the diseases of Infancy, and then it is quite imperfect. But amongst many other Medical Productions, of deservedly high reputation, there have issued from the American press, three Treatises on this disease, by Parr, Lockman and Miller.

In comparing the reports of these, and I may say those of medical men generally, (with regard to its great fatality) with the ~~views~~ which has attended my Preceptor, I anticipated not a little pleasure, in being able to offer something, which is better adapted to the cure of the disease. But having recently learned the sameness of treatment, between the Professors of this University and himself, I have imputed the difference in its

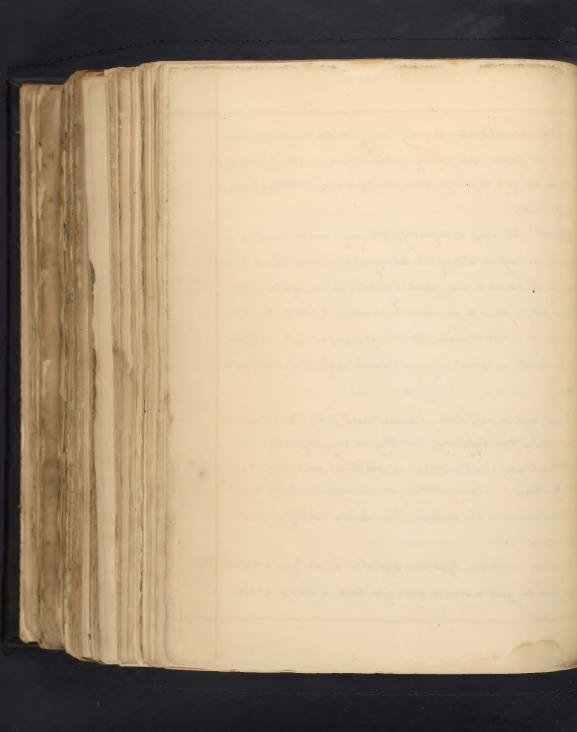


notably, not altogether to a difference in the curative plan,
but to the greater malignancy of the disease in the hot and
impure air of a large City, than that of a small Borough, and
its vicinity.

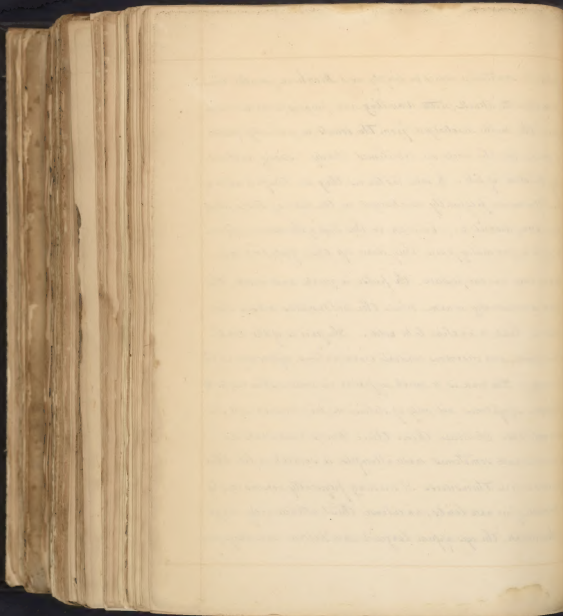
Causes. The chief and perhaps the only remote cause, is a
foul and impure state of the Atmosphere, whether this be heat-
dew, or whether it be only essential, to the existence of this state,
I am not prepared to say; but am inclined to think the latter,
however it is well known, that the prevalence and malignity
of the disease, is generally proportionate, to the heat of the wea-
ther.

Noxious, dirt or destitution, I believe never from the remote
cause, as has been supposed; but they are very frequently the
exciting causes, and the disease is sometimes greatly aggrava-
ted by them. Added to them, are all irregularities in diet,
sudden changes in the weather, bad clothing, improper food,
green fruit &c.

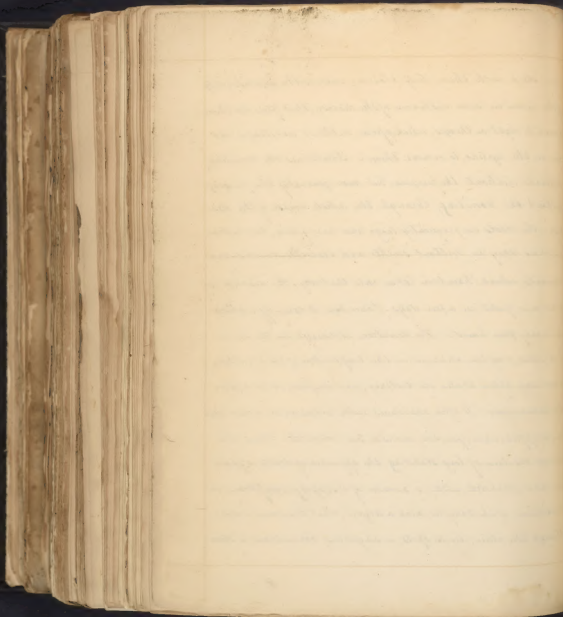
Symptoms. Cholera Infantum says Doct. Rush, "affects child-
ren from the first or second week after birth, to the age of two



ward, it sometimes comes on simply as a Diarrhoea, at other times
it makes its attack, with vomiting and purging, attended with
fever; the matter discharged from the bowels, is generally yellow
or green, but the stools are sometimes bloody & slimy, without
any tincture of bile. In some instances they are limpid as wa-
ter. Mucus is frequently discharged in the head of stools, which
have been described. Children in this stage of the disease, appear
to suffer a good deal of pain, they draw up their gut, and are
never easy in one posture, the pulse is quick and weak, the
head is unusually warm, while the extremities retain their
natural heat, or incline to be cold. The fever is of the remit-
tent kind, and discloses evident exacerbations, especially in the
evening. The head is so much affected in some instances, as to
produce symptoms not only of delirium, but mania also, in-
so-much that children throw their heads backwards and
forwards, and sometimes make attempts to scratch or bite their
fingers or even themselves. A swelling frequently occurs in the
abdomen, face and limbs; an intense thirst attends every stage
of the disease. The eyes appear languid and hollow, and they gen-



usually sleep with them half closed; such is the insensibility
of the system in some instances of the disease, that flies have been
known to light on the eyes, when open, without exciting a mo-
tion in the eyelids, to remove them. Sometimes the vomiting
continues without the purging, but more generally the purging
without the vomiting, through the whole course of the dis-
ease. The stools are frequently large and very fluid, but in some
instances they are without smell, and resemble drinks and
aliments, which have been taken into the body. The disease is
sometimes fatal in a few days. I once saw it carry off a child
in twenty four hours. The duration is varied, by the season
of the year, & by the changes in the temperature of the weather,
a cool day often abates its violence, and disposes it to a favor-
able termination. It often continues with occasional variations
in its appearance, for six weeks or two months. When the
disease has been of long standing, the approach of death is grad-
ual, and attended with a number of distressing symptoms, an
emaciation of the body, to such a degree, that the bones come
through the skin, livid spots, a singultus, convulsions, a thren



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not to say all other Fevers arise from Heat, that you it
should be interrogated as to how much it is, necessary to the
cause of this effluvia which we act the can, we must then
be careful that ~~the~~ we are consistent with Bilious and
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that this season of Bilious Fevers returns without this
help again of long periods this provides that in the atmosphere
we cannot count it as to the production of bilious weather

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among, early in the morning, the people of the city
 were taken to the large assembly hall, where
 a report of the constitution of the new state was
 presented, and the people were asked to vote
 on the same. The result was a vote of 100,000
 for the constitution, and 10,000 against it. The
 constitution was then adopted, and the new
 state was organized. The first session of the
 legislature was held in the city of New York,
 and the first session of the executive council
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pills, &c., which exhausts their value very considerably, &
 attends to their minuter parts and parts on this account they are
 frequently returned when nothing else could be in consequence
 of the nature and quantity which is required to start the rest
 up. If the same should be the case with the same
 with some, or even the same, very much, but the
 addition of a small quantity of *Strophanthus*. The following
 experiment will be found to answer

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Opium 100

The above is a very good recipe for the purpose of
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the disease, they must therefore be used to suit the existing cir-
 cumstances which must be determined by the merit of the
 practitioner. At this stage of the disease, then, the
 quantity of *Opium* in each pill, or

Let me see the testicles & ovaries -

1. Depressor of penis	39
2. Utricle	21
3. Seminal vesicle	31
4. Prostate gland	34
5. Vagina	35

Let me see the testicles & ovaries of the species which
are two ten years old, and the ovaries of two & three
months.

Let me see the testicles & ovaries of the
species which are two & three months old, and the
ovaries of two & three months.

6. Penis	36
7. Utricle	37
8. Seminal vesicle	38
9. Prostate gland	39
10. Vagina	40

Let me see the testicles & ovaries of the
species which are two & three months old, and the
ovaries of two & three months.

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Species of *Marthasteron*

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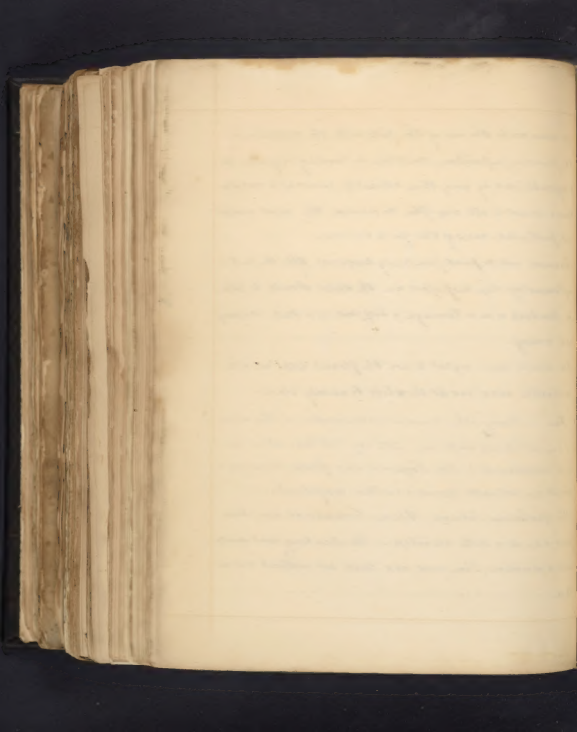
It never omits the use of the pills, with the Aethiopia or
the preceding preparation, should then be marks of Hepatic dis-
regiments, and by giving them alternately, according to circum-
stances, we will be able very often to overcome the most violent
and protracted cases of this form to children.

Exercise will be found peculiarly beneficial, After the first or
inflammatory stage has passed over, the Child should be taken
on horseback or in a Carriage, a half mile or a mile morning
and evening.

We should never neglect to use the flannel roller in all
protracted cases, and let the Child be warmly clad.

There are many other remedies recommended in this disease
I have not much experience with any, but those which have
been mentioned. The Logwood and Galls, I have no
doubt are valuable remedies, in this complaint.

The Saccharum Saturni, Alum, Colombo &c have been
used, & is said with advantage. The Dew berry root made
into a decoction, I have used, and think not without ad-
vantage.



The diet in this like all other inflammatory disease, should
be of the lightest kind, in the commencement.

The very best is breast milk, a Rice water and Milk, Tea,
sweetened Milk and Water &c

In the more advanced stage, they may be allowed thick
and milk, crackers pulverized, and boiled with milk, with
the addition of Loaf Sugar, and Nutmeg. And in the more
protracted cases still, I have seen the best effects, derived
from allowing the Child salt Ham, salt Fish, Mince and
Old Spirit - diluted with water & saturated with sugar.

Chymistry

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